

REMARKS

With the entry of this Amendment, claims 7, 8 and 10-12 will be pending in this patent application.

In this paper, claim 7 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error in line 5. Applicant trusts that the Examiner will find the amendment to claim 7 to be acceptable. Claims 1-6, which had been withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention, have been canceled. Applicant has thus complied with the Examiner's requirement, stated in the outstanding May 14, 2009 Office Action. Applicant therefore trusts that the Examiner will find this application to be in condition for allowance.

If unresolved matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Frederick R. Handren, Reg. No. 32,874, at the telephone number provided below, so that these matters can be addressed and resolved expeditiously.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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